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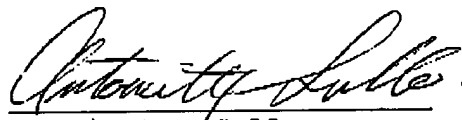
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

App. No.:	10/734,696	Att'y Docket:	EH-10762 (03-501)
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Dear Sir:

Applicant requests reconsideration of the finality of the April 28, 2008 Office action as being premature and requests the finality be withdrawn.

If necessary for consideration, Applicant requests that this request be treated as a petition.

Claims 1, 2, 6-12, and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Neal et al. (US2002/0076573) in view of JP08209339.

Claims 3 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Neal et al. and JP '339 in further view of JP2003188115. JP '115 was newly cited. The examiner provided a translation of JP '115.

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Neal et al. and JP '339 in further view of Osada et al. (US5624720).

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Neal et al. and JP '339 in further view of Carl, Jr. et al. (US6754955).

The Office action asserted that Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection. Office action, page 7, §8. All the above are new grounds.

MPEP 706.07(a) states that a "final rejection is improper where there is another new ground of rejection introduced by the examiner which was not necessitated by amendment to the claims." MPEP 8, Rev. 6, p. 700-83, col. 2 (9/2007). That section further provides that the action